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Thursday Night Live! On Castro Street



Celebrate the fourth, and final, *Thursday Night Live!* event of this summer on Thursday, September 13, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Castro Street in downtown Mountain View.

During the event, Castro Street will be closed to vehicle traffic between Church Street and Evelyn Avenue to create a pedestrian mall featuring farmers' market vendors, children's games and activities, and live entertainment, in addition to the restaurants and other businesses along Castro Street.

The four *Thursday Night Live!* events held this summer have been a pilot downtown street closure project. The City will evaluate the success of the events to determine if the events should be continued and if any refinements or changes to the events are needed in the future.

Contact the Pubic Works Department at (650) 903-6311 for more information about *Thursday Night Live!* •

City/Google WiFi Partnership Wins Award

The California Association for Local Economic Development has recognized the City of Mountain View's innovative partnership with Google, Inc. to provide free wireless Internet (WiFi) service in the community with a 2007 Merit of Excellence Award.

Last year, the City and Google entered into an agreement that allows Google to install wireless transmitters on City-owned streetlights poles throughout the City to create one of the first city-wide no-cost WiFi networks in the country.

For more information on the WiFi network and how to connect to it, visit the Google Help Center at <https://wifi.google.com/support/>. •

Water Conservation Starts with You

The winter of 2006 was one of the driest on record and may signal the start of a drought. The Sierra Nevada snow pack was only at 46 percent of normal when measured earlier this year. To preserve the limited water supply currently available and avoid the possibility of significant water use reductions next year, the City's two largest water suppliers—the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD)—have asked the cities they supply water to, including the City of Mountain View, to voluntarily reduce water consumption by 10 percent.

Water Conservation Tips

The City of Mountain View urges all of its water customers to be water wise and save water and money by following these simple rules:

- Turn off the water tap while brushing your teeth or shaving. You'll save at least 2.5 gallons of water every minute.
- Take shorter showers. Each minute of reduced shower time will save 2.5 gallons of water.
- Install low-flow aerators in your kitchen and bathroom faucets.
- Replace old toilets, showerheads and clothes washers with new, higher efficiency fixtures and appliances.
- Don't allow the hose to run as you wash your car, driveway or sidewalk. Install an automatic shutoff on your hose to keep the water from running into the gutter.
- Make sure your plumbing isn't broken or defective. A running toilet can waste as much as 7,000 gallons per month. A faucet leaking a small stream wastes between 2,000 and 2,700 gallons each month.
- Be sure irrigation sprinklers are adjusted to water plants, not pavement.
- Plant water-wise, drought-tolerant, gardens and only water what your plants need. Irrigate during the evening hours. Contact the City's Water Resource Technician at (650) 903-6269 to request a copy of a Water-Wise Gardening In the Bay Area compact disk (CD). This CD provides information on how to garden beautifully while saving water.
- Operate clothes washers and dishwashers with full loads only, even if the washers have adjustable load settings.

Water Conservation Programs and Resources

The City of Mountain View, in conjunction with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, offers residents and businesses a wide variety of programs and services to make it easy to conserve water and save money.

- Water-Wise House Calls. Trained water surveyors will come out to your home or apartment to review your water usage, provide free low-flow showerheads and aerators (if needed) and

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New Guidelines for Land Uses Near Creeks and Streams

The City of Mountain View has adopted new guidelines and standards for land uses near creeks and streams. The new guidelines and standards were developed through a joint effort between the Santa Clara Valley Water District, cities in Santa Clara County, and other stakeholders.

The new guidelines and standards provide more consistent and clearer requirements aimed at protecting the health of local creeks and streams and adjacent properties from potential problems such as erosion and slope failure.

Previously, owners of properties adjacent to creeks and streams applied to the Santa Clara Valley Water District for permits to construct property improvements. As part of the City’s adoption of the new guidelines and standards, this permit authority has been transferred to the City of Mountain View in an effort to simplify the review process for property owners.

To learn more about the guidelines and standards, visit the Santa Clara Valley Water District’s website at www.valleywater.org or contact the City of Mountain View Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. ●

Habitat for Humanity Proposes Affordable Housing Project in Mountain View

Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization specializing in building ownership housing that is affordable to very low-income families, proposed the construction of a two-story, 20-unit, town-house project at the northwest corner of Middlefield Road and Whisman Road to the City Council in June.

The proposed housing site, the former Wagon Wheel Restaurant property, is currently vacant. Residential development on this site would require several City Council approvals including a rezoning of the property, an amendment to the City’s General Plan, as well as an amendment to the City’s Affordable Housing Strategies.

Future public hearings on the proposed housing project will be held to provide members of the public with opportunities to comment on the proposed housing project. Contact the City’s Neighborhood Preservation Division at (650) 903-6379 to be notified of future meetings. ●

2-1-1 Connects Residents with the Information They Need

2-1-1 is a no-cost, confidential telephone resource and referral service available to Mountain View residents that provides them with streamlined access to important information about health and human services available in Santa Clara County. Information about food and shelter assistance, counseling, child and elder care, health care, immigration assistance, drug and alcohol intervention, and employment assistance is available by dialing 2-1-1.

The 2-1-1 service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Mandarin, and 140 other languages. It also serves as a link for those seeking to volunteer, provide resources, or assist during a crisis in Santa Clara County.

For more information, call 2-1-1 or visit the service’s website at www.211scc.org.

Residential Development Update

To address the community’s current and future housing needs, the City has approved or is currently reviewing several proposed new residential development projects.

Evandale Avenue Condominiums

A 144-unit, three-story condominium project has been approved at 291 Evandale Avenue. The project is anticipated to be under construction by late 2007. As a condition of the Council’s approval of the project, the developer will be required to provide relocation assistance to the residents of the existing 64-unit apartment complex on the site.

Southbay Christian Center Redevelopment

Work has begun at 1136 Miramonte Avenue, formerly the Southbay Christian Center, to prepare the site for the construction of 58 new residential housing units. The new homes will be a mix of single family, small-lot single family, and row house homes, with common open space. A private park has also been approved for the site.

Satake Nursery Redevelopment

The former Satake Nursery site at 1079 Marilyn Drive has been rezoned to allow for a new single-family subdivision with no more than 30 homes. Summerhill Homes has submitted a development proposal and is currently working with City staff on design review for the new homes and subdivision. Two cul-de-sac streets are proposed for Marilyn Drive, with a pedestrian and bicycle path connecting the two cul-de-sacs. Public hearings on the project are scheduled for this fall.

For more information regarding any of these projects, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. ●

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City Mission Statement

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW CITYGRAM

How are we doing? Feedback from you is very important to us. Curious about a City service or program? Have an idea you’d like to share? Know a City employee who did a particularly good job? The City Manager’s Office would like to hear from you. Send your remarks on a Citygram and you will receive a prompt response from the appropriate City department.

Thank you for your comments.

Send your comments to the Mountain View City Manager’s Office, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039

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I WOULD LIKE A REPLY:

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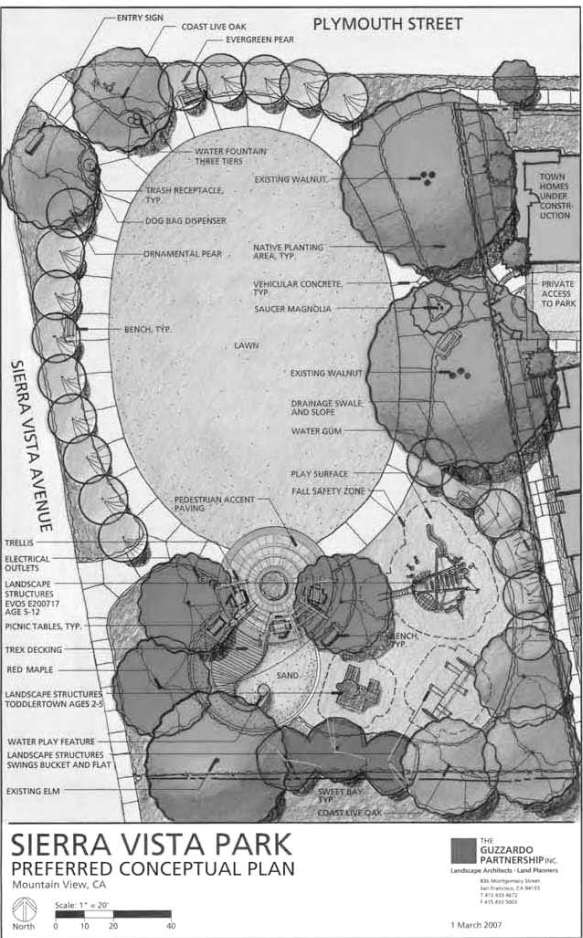
Construction Slated to Begin on New Sierra Vista Avenue Mini-Park

The design for a new 0.8-acre mini-park on Sierra Vista Avenue was approved earlier this year. Construction of the new park will begin this fall and is scheduled for completion before the end of the calendar year, weather permitting.

The park will feature play structures, swing sets, picnic tables with benches, a large lawn area, pathways and other amenities.

Two community meetings were held in December 2006 and February 2007 to hear from neighborhood residents about their ideas and suggestions about the new park's design and features.

Contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311 for more information. ●



Playground Improvements Planned for Four City Parks

Playground areas at four City parks are slated for renovation this year as part of an ongoing program to improve the City's park playgrounds and bring them into compliance with United States Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines, American Society for Testing and Measurement standards, and the Americans with Disabilities Act provisions.

The **Whisman Park** playground will have a new play structure geared to children 5 to 12 years of age installed, along with swings and a play panel. All of the existing equipment will be removed.

At **Castro Park**, all existing equipment will be removed to make way for a new play structure geared to 2 to 5 year-olds, new swings and a stand-alone spring rider.

New swings and a play structure geared to 2 to 5 year-olds will be installed at the **Rengstorff Park Tot Lot** to replace the existing play equipment.

The existing play structure for 5-12 year olds at the **Gemello Park** playground will be removed and a new structure installed. Other equipment at the site will be updated as well.

For more information regarding the City's playground improvement efforts, contact the Community Services Department's Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331. ●



Community Garden Meeting Scheduled for September 26

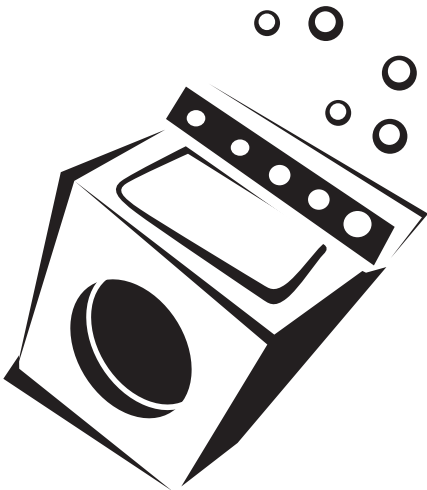
A community meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Room 3 of the Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue, to discuss the potential location of a third community garden on a portion of the Hetch-Hetchy right-of-way near Bonnie and Beatrice Streets. The proposed site would accommodate up to 59 raised gardening beds. Funding from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2000 would be used to pay for the new garden.

The City currently operates two other community gardens. The Senior Center Garden is located near the Mountain View Senior Center on Escuela Avenue between Crisanto Avenue and Villa Street. The Willowgate Community Garden is located at the end of Andsbury Avenue.

For more information about community gardens in Mountain View, contact the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331. ●

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- suggest other ways for you to save water. Call (800) 548-1882 to schedule an appointment.
- Free Low-Flow Showerhead and Aerator Distribution. Request free low-flow showerheads and kitchen and bath faucet aerators be sent to you. Call the City's Water Resources Technician at (650) 903-6269 for more information.



- Residential Clothes Washer Rebate Program. Buy a high-efficiency clothes washer and you may receive a \$100 to \$150 rebate. Call (408) 265-2607, extension 2554, for more information.
- High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program. You may be eligible for a rebate up to \$125 if you replace a toilet that flushes at 3.5 gallons per flush or more with an approved high-efficiency or dual flush toilet. Call (408) 265-2607, extension 2554, for more information.
- Residential Irrigation System Hardware Rebate Program. This program offers rebates up to \$1,000 to help pay for the cost of upgrading your irrigation hardware. Call (408) 265-2607, extension 2554, for more information.
- Commercial Clothes Washer Rebate Program. Buy or lease high-efficiency clothes washers and receive as much as \$400 per unit. Call (408) 265-2607, extension 2707, for more information.
- Commercial High-Efficiency Toilet Program. Qualifying businesses and schools may be eligible for free installation of high-efficiency toilets. Call (408) 265-2607, extension 2707, for more information.

- Water-Efficient Technologies Program for Businesses. This program offers financial incentives to businesses that reduce their water usage. Call (408) 265-2607, extension 3201, for more information.
- Irrigation Technical Assistance Program for Businesses. Eligible businesses can have a landscape professional visit their site, evaluate their irrigation system and recommend additional water saving techniques. Call (408) 265-2607, extension 2639, for more information.
- Commercial/Business Irrigation System Hardware Rebate Program. This program offers rebates up to \$4,500 to help pay for the cost of upgrading irrigation hardware. Call (408) 265-2607, extension 2639, for more information.

More information about these and other residential and commercial water conservation programs is available by visiting the City's website at www.mountainview.gov or by calling the City's Water Resources Technician at (650) 903-6269.

The City of Mountain View will continue to monitor the regional water supply and work with its water suppliers and other water agencies to plan and prepare for the possible implementation of additional, more severe, mandatory water conservation measures.

The City will keep its water customers updated regarding the water supply situation and the need for any additional voluntary or mandatory water conservation efforts. ●

WATER CONSERVATION CONTACTS

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WWW.MOUNTAINVIEW.GOV OR
[HTTP://CONSERVewater.MOUNTAINVIEW.GOV](http://CONSERVewater.MOUNTAINVIEW.GOV)
(650) 903-6269

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
WATER RESOURCES TECHNICIAN
(650) 903-6269

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
WWW.VALLEYwater.ORG
(408) 265-2607

YOU CAN BE A WATER SAVING HERO
WWW.WATERSAVINGHERO.COM

Connecting with your community

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit www.mountainview.gov to download a volunteer application.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Deer Hollow Farm

School Year Teaching Docents—Volunteers are needed to teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm, garden, and Native American studies. Training is provided and no experience is necessary. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from September through May. Training will be held September 18 to 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On-going training is also available throughout the school year. Call Deer Hollow Farm for more information at (650) 903-6430 or email dhfarms@mountainview.gov.

Police Department

Field Assistants—Volunteers assist with a wide variety of department functions. Volunteers wear a department uniform and operate department vehicles. An extensive background investigation is required. Contact Program Assistant Coordinator Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or e-mail pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov.

Fire Department

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)—Assist with coordinating and conducting CERT training for the community. Assistance is also needed in creating new display boards and organizing public education materials and special projects. Call the Volunteer Office at (650) 903-6607 for more information.



Senior Center

Receptionists/Substitutes—Friendly volunteers are needed to assist with telephones and information requests at the Senior Center's front counter. Call (650) 903-6330 or e-mail the Center at SeniorCenter@mountainview.gov.

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Calendar of Events

September

- 3 Labor Day holiday.** City offices closed.
- 5 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- 6 Human Relations Commission,** 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 11 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 12 Visual Arts Committee,** 6:00 p.m., ACR
- 13 Thursday Night Live!,** 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Castro Street between Church Street and Evelyn Avenue (see page 1)
- 15 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
Home Composting Workshop, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, City Hall Employee Lunch Room, 500 Castro Street. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 17 Library Board,** 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 19 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
Performing Arts Committee, 7:00 pm, Center for the Performing Arts, SecondStage, 500 Castro Street
- 22 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Santa Clara. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 25 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC



- 26 Community Garden Meeting,** 6:00 p.m., Community Center, Room 3, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 29 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

October

- 3 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- 4 Human Relations Commission,** 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 9 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 10 Visual Arts Committee,** 6:00 p.m., ACR
Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 15 Library Board,** 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 17 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
Performing Arts Committee, 7:00 pm, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street, SecondStage



Celebrate Reading Day and the Library Building's 10th Anniversary on October 27

The Mountain View Public Library will celebrate Reading Day and the building's tenth anniversary on Saturday, October 27. The Mountain View Public Library is located at 585 Franklin Street.

Reading Day activities will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will include storytelling by Steve Chaney and a performance of Little Red Riding Hood by the Puppet Art Theater. Community members, including students from Crittenden Middle School, will read stories aloud to children in English, Spanish, Russian, Mandarin and Hindi. A book fair to benefit the Mountain View Library Foundation will also be held in conjunction with Reading Day.

From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., there will be a celebration marking the tenth anniversary of the opening of the new Library building. The new building opened on October 25, 1997.

Contact the Mountain View Public Library at (650) 903-6337 for more information. ●



Mountain View Reads Together

Join friends and neighbors for the second annual Mountain View Reads Together program this November. This community reading program was developed by Paradigm Hill, a local community service group, to bring residents together to read and discuss the same book. A series of activities supporting the program will be hosted by the Mountain View Public Library and other local agencies.

This year's selection is *When the Elephants Dance* by Bay Area author Tess Uriza Holthe. Set in the Philippines at the end of World War II, the book tells the story of neighbors hiding from soldiers in a basement as they share family stories and folktales.

For more information about the Mountain View Reads Together program, contact the Mountain View Public Library at (650) 903-6337, or view a schedule of events at <http://mvreads.googlepages.com>. ●

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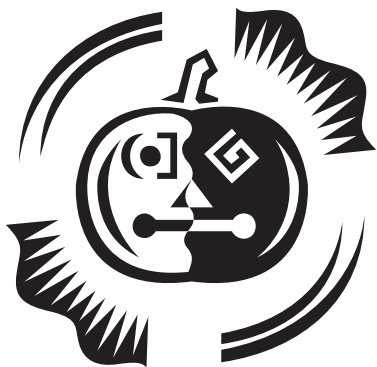
SAVE THE DATE— ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION SET FOR DECEMBER 3

The City of Mountain View's Annual Tree Lighting Celebration is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2007, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street.

More information regarding this event will be available on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov closer to the date of the event or by calling the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.



- 20 Home Composting Workshop,** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 23 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 27 Library Reading Day and 10th Anniversary Celebration,** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street



- 28 Halloween Family Event,** 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Rengstorff Park
- 31 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,** 6:30 p.m., PCR

November

- 1 Human Relations Commission,** 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 6 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 7 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- 12 Veterans' Day holiday.** City offices closed.

- 14 Visual Arts Committee,** 6:00 p.m., ACR
- Parks and Recreation Commission,** 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 19 Library Board,** 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 21 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- Performing Arts Committee,** 7:00 p.m., Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street, SecondStage
- 22 Thanksgiving Day holiday.** City offices closed.
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- 27 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 28 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,** 6:30 p.m., PCR

- CC Council Chambers,** City Hall
- PCR Plaza Conference Room,** City Hall
- ACR Atrium Conference Room,** City Hall

All dates are subject to change. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.

Curbside Trash and Recycling Reminders

Please follow these guidelines when setting out garbage, recycling and yard waste carts for weekly pickup service.

- Do not set out carts more than one day in advance of the scheduled pickup.
- Place carts in the street, not on the curb, if possible.
- Remove carts from the street no more than one day following pickup.
- Store carts out of sight in the garage or behind a fence

For more information, contact Foothill Disposal at (650) 967-3034. ●



Upcoming Opportunities

Halloween Family Event—Volunteers are needed to assist with arts and crafts, entertainment, food booths, decorations and more on Sunday, October 28, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Rengstorff Park. Contact the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607 for more information.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW WAYS THAT YOU CAN GET INVOLVED. IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA, OR SPECIAL SKILL OR TALENT TO OFFER, OR WANT TO JOIN OUR TEAM, PLEASE CALL THE VOLUNTEER SERVICES OFFICE TODAY AT (650) 903-6607.

Street Tree Q & A

Provided below are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about City street trees. If you have a question about City street trees that you don't see answered below, contact the City's Forestry Division at (650) 903-6273.

How can I determine if a tree is or isn't a street tree?

Street trees are planted in two locations within the public right-of-way. The trees are planted either in the parking strip between the curb and the sidewalk or in the five-foot easement behind the sidewalk (if there is no parking strip). Forestry Division staff will visit your location to determine if a tree is a street tree or not.

Who is responsible for maintaining and pruning street trees?

The City's Forestry Division maintains and prunes all street trees.

How do I report a problem with a street tree?

In an emergency, call 911. For non-emergency situations, call the Forestry Division at (650) 903-6273 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To report non-emergency problems after 4:00 p.m. or on weekends, call (650) 903-6395.

Does the City of Mountain View have a schedule for maintaining and pruning street trees?

Yes. All street trees are pruned once every five to seven years. Contact the Forestry Division office at (650) 903-6273 to find out when your street tree was last pruned.

Does the City treat street trees for insects?

Yes. The City treats street trees for insects when the threshold of the infestation creates a health or safety issue for the tree or residents.

How do I request the planting of a street tree?

Contact the Forestry Division at (650) 903-6273 to request the planting of a street tree.

Can the street tree in front of my house be replaced with another tree?

In most cases, only street trees that are dead, dying or structurally unsound will be removed and replaced with another tree.

Can a street tree be removed because it's messy?

In most cases leaf litter, fruit or pod droppings and surface roots are not sufficient reasons to remove a street tree.

If my street tree is removed, can I have the wood?

You can ask the tree crew to leave the wood from a street tree that has been removed. After the crew has left the job site, the wood can be picked up on a first-come, first-served basis.

Do I need a permit to prune or remove my own tree?

Residents do not need a permit to prune private trees on their property, unless the trees are designated as Heritage Trees. Information about rules and regulations relating to Heritage Trees can be found on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov. ●

Stevens Creek Trail Update

Construction continues on the next reach of the Stevens Creek Trail from the existing trailhead at Yuba Drive to the south side of El Camino Real. This trail extension includes the construction of a pedestrian/bicycle tunnel under El Camino Real near the intersection of El Camino Real and Highway 85, as well as improvements at the Yuba Drive trailhead.

This portion of the Trail's construction requires the removal of portions of the El Camino Real median and relocation of existing underground water, gas and fiber optic utility lines. The number of travel lanes on El Camino has been reduced to provide a work area for the construction of the new tunnel and for the reconfiguration of the onramp to southbound Highway 85. Construction work will continue through the beginning of 2008.

Design work has also begun for the final phase of the Trail project that will run from El Camino Real to the Sleeper Avenue area.

For more information regarding the Stevens Creek Trail, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. ●

Rent the Historic Adobe Building for Your Next Event

The historic Adobe Building, located on the corner of Central Expressway and Moffett Boulevard, is available to rent for a variety of events including company parties, weddings, and corporate meetings. The building was constructed in 1934 and renovated by the City in 2001 to provide modern facilities, while preserving the historic character of the building.

The restored Adobe Building offers a great room that can accommodate 100 for indoor dining and a beautiful adjacent garden area that compliments the setting. The interior of the great room has been restored to its original design with high open-trusses, hand-hewn lumber and wrought iron detail. A built-in sound system, wood burning fireplace and full catering kitchen are also available.

To make an appointment to tour the Adobe Building, or to make a reservation, call (650) 903-6407. ●



City of Mountain View

CITY COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS

Applications will be accepted until a sufficient number have been received from Mountain View citizens wishing to serve on one of the following City commissions or committees:

- **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION** (3 positions)
(Meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month)
- **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION** (1 position)
(Meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month)
- **DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE**
Business-at-Large Category (1 position)
Community-at-Large Category (1 position)
(Meets on the first Tuesday morning of every other month)
- **PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE** (1 position)
(Meets on the third Wednesday evening of the month)
- **VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE** (2 positions)
(Meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month)

There may be incumbents who wish to be reappointed.

The commissions and committees are volunteer positions and serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

Appointments are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Call the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 for further information and applications. An application can be downloaded at www.mountainview.gov/citygov/pdf/community_services_application.pdf.

Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget Adopted

In June, the Mountain View City Council adopted a \$242.9 million budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08, reflecting a second year of more positive revenue trends and economic improvement. The FY 2007-08 budget continues the modest restoration of a few key service areas, while also providing resources to undertake important City Council goals and initiatives.

FY 2007-08 General Operating Fund revenues are expected to be 7.1 percent higher than adopted revenues for FY 2006-07. While the health of City revenues continues to improve, the City will carefully manage expenditure growth to maintain balanced budgets into the future.

The City’s FY 2007-08 General Operating Fund, the primary funding source for City services, totals \$84.7 million and includes the net addition of 7.2 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. An additional 1.05 FTEs have been added to other City funds for a total staffing increase of 8.25 FTEs City-wide. The new positions will support City public safety, building inspection and affordable housing efforts as well as some internal service operations.

The adopted budget also includes \$22.2 million to fund important capital improvement and maintenance projects, including:

- Construction of a new mini-park on Sierra Vista Avenue (see story on page 3)
- Design and construction of the Permanente Creek Pedestrian/Bike Overcrossing at Highway 101
- The continued construction of the Stevens Creek Trail
- The installation of emergency power supplies at the City’s groundwater wells
- Miscellaneous water main/service line replacements
- Miscellaneous storm/sanitary sewer main replacements
- The resurfacing of some City streets

For more information regarding the City’s FY 2007-08 budget, call the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316 or visit the City’s website at www.mountainview.gov. ●

Fiscal Year 2007-08 Utility Rates

On July 1, new rates for City utility services (water, sewer, and refuse/recycling) went into effect. The rate increases are needed to pay for the higher fees charged to the City for the water supply, wastewater treatment, and refuse collection and recycling services provided to Mountain View residents by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant, and Foothill Disposal Company.

Even with these increases, the average monthly bill for utility services for a single-family home in Mountain View continues to compare favorably to the average monthly utility bill of our neighboring communities.

Water

Water rates for Mountain View customers will increase by 6 percent this year because of higher rates charged by the City’s two main water suppliers, the SFPUC and SCVWD. These two suppliers provide more than 98 percent of the water purchased by the City each year. The

SFPUC will likely to continue to increase its water rates in future years to pay for seismic and other costly improvements it needs to make to its Hetch-Hetchy water system.

Sewer

In July 2005, the City began phasing in higher sewer rates over a three-year period to bring revenues and expenditures more in line and to provide adequate funding for both the City’s annual operating and maintenance costs of the sewer system. This is the third, and final, year of the rate phase-in period.

Residential sewer service rates in Mountain View will increase by 11 percent, or approximately \$2.20 per month, this fiscal year. Compared to neighboring cities, Mountain View’s new monthly rate of \$22.15 for single-family homes is still the lower than what is charged by neighboring cities.

Refuse/Recycling

The City’s rates for solid waste services (both refuse collection and recycling) are increasing by 3 percent. The rate for a 32-gallon can will increase by \$0.45 to \$15.75 per month.

The revenue generated from solid waste service charges pays for services, including the collection of garbage, recyclables and yard trimmings; processing the collected materials; the disposal of refuse at Kirby Canyon Landfill; and the maintenance of two closed landfills.

The City of Mountain View will continue to provide cost-effective utility services to its customers. For more information about utility services or rates, contact the City’s Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6317. ●



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